

1 **NC Interpreter and Transliterater Licensing Board Meeting**

2 **Date:** Friday, March 6, 2026

3 **Location:** Durham, NC

4 Board Present: Mark Lineberger, Alicia Griffin, Tara Knight, Herbie Augilar, Nicole
5 Alleman, Pamale White

6 Board Absent: Beverly Woodel, Dianne Shearer

7 Board Staff: Caitlin Schwab, Ben Busch

8 Interpreters & Communication Access: Lee Williamson, Karen Magoon, Kirk
9 Fowler, Brian Tipton, Nicki Fox, Brant Downing (SSP), Loveeta Baker (CART)

10 General Public Present: David Payne, Jolene Crooks, Toska Broadway, Reggie
11 Holley

12 General Public Zoom: Caroline Bolin, Catherine Hupp, Matt Baccari, Kathleen
13 Speckhardt, Kelle Owens, Chelsey Roberts

14 Called to order: 10:08 am

15 **Welcome and Introductions**

16 The Board went around and did introductions. Communication rules were
17 discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

18 With 6 Board members present a quorum was established.

19 **Approval of Minutes**

20 **I move we approve the minutes from December 5, 2025, as written, Alicia,
21 second Herbie. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.**

22 *Conflict of interest statement read, and no conflicts heard.*

23 **LRC Report**

24 We have two open complaints, and the first complaint has been substantiated,
25 and the other matter is still under review.

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Financial Report

2 *Financials through January 31, 2026*

3 Herbie discussed a few lines items and the Boards current financial standings
4 about halfway through the year. Line item 650 has an average from the budget
5 due to the increase in accounting fees this year.

6 Total income for this year is very close to the same amount in the previous year.

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Central Office Report

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NCITLB Central Office Report (Compiled March 3, 2026)

Type of License	Number of Licensees (March 2026)	Percentage (March 2026)	Number of Licensees (February 2025)	Percentage (February 2025)
Full	359	82%	349	79%
Grandfathered	26	6%	28	6%
Provisional	51	12%	66	15%
Total Number	436	100%	443	100%

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Licenses issued since last Board meeting (December 5, 2025)		9
Qualified for <u>full</u> license by		
RID Certification	3	75%
Cued Language Certificate	-	-
BEI Assessment of Advanced or above	1	25%
Total Full Licenses Issued	4	100%
Qualified for <u>provisional</u> licensure by		

2-year degree & EIPA score of 3.5 or above EIPA Scores for the issued licenses: 4.5, 4.2, 3.8	3	60%
2-year degree & BEI score of Basic	-	-
Accumulated Hours	1	20%
DSDHH DI Program	1	20%
Recognized credential from another state	-	-
Total Provisional Licenses Issued	5	100%
Licenses pending to be issued	5 (3 full and 2 provisional)	

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School	Total Number of Current Licensees
UNCG	16
Wilson Community College	5
Columbus State Community College	1
Eastern Kentucky University	1
Garner Webb	1
Hinds Community College	1
Kent State University	1
University of Texas at Austin	1
Western Piedmont Community College	1
Total	28

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3 **Comments:**

- 4 • Business as usual.

5 The Utah Assessment has been added to the rules effective February 1, 2026.

6 Individuals who hold this assessment can now obtain a license.

1 **Legal Report**

2 No major legal updates at this time.

3 A quick follow up on the Utah assessment rule, when the Board does change a
4 rule, everything in that rule is up for interpretation by the Rules Review
5 Commission (RRC).

6 *Periodic Rules Review*

7 The periodic rules review is done every ten years. The purpose of this to review
8 the rules to remove redundancy; the Board is to discuss if there are any rules that
9 are redundant, or not necessary. We have until October 2026 to readopt the
10 rules, if we miss that timeline the rules will expire.

11 The Board needs a resolution for the public comment period and we can establish
12 a sub committee to review all the rules to determine if any changes need to be
13 made.

14 **I move we move forward in the periodic rules review and open the public
15 comment period, Herbie, second Pam. No discussion. All in favor. Motion
16 carries.**

17 **I move the Board has determined all the rules to be necessary, Herbie, second
18 Alicia. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.**

19 *Break 10:45 am*

20 *Reconvened 11:01 am*

21 *NC Association of the Deaf Conference*

22 Alicia gave a brief overview of the NCAD conference.

23 **Symposium Discussion 2026**

24 Mark shared some information about the symposium and discussed the
25 information.

26 Proposed dates: July 31 – August 1, 2026.

1 Location: UNCG
2 NCITLB would cover parking again for attendees.
3 Similar format to last year, Friday would be the Board meeting and forum, and
4 possibly a presentation on HB 854. On Saturday there will be two presenters,
5 Joseph C. Hill, PhD and Frank Griffin.
6 Total CEUs we hope to offer is 0.80 (8 hours).
7 The Board agreed with what Mark proposed and would like to move forward.

8 Legislative Liaison Report

9 Mark said there has not been much movement on HB 854, but that could change
10 in the upcoming session. Mark is hopeful but will be able to have more
11 information once the session starts.

12 *Break for lunch 11:40 am*

13 *Reconvened at 12:23 pm*

14 *Discussion related to the Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) interpreting and*
15 *licensure*

16 Mark gave a quick overview of the differences between VRS and VRI.

17 Mark discussed some issues we are seeing come up with VRI interpreting in NC.

18 Potential to add a rule to require VRI interpreters providing services in NC to be
19 licensed. Discussion about how current VRI services are provided in NC now.

20 *Proposed language discussed by the Board:*

21 License to provide Video Remote Interpreting

22 A. An interpreter who is licensed under NCGS 90D 21 NCAC 25 .0200 is authorized
23 to provide VRI only for individuals who are in North Carolina.

24 B. An interpreter who is licensed under NCGS 90D 21 NCAC 25 .0200 provides VRI
25 shall comply fully with the requirements of this Statue.

1 C. An interpreter who is located outside of North Carolina shall not provide VRI for
2 an individual located in North Carolina before being licensed under NCGS 90D 21
3 NCAC 25 .0200

4 Other states that require a license for VRI have people licensed in that state.
5 There are several people who live and work in NC who are licensed in these states
6 (Arizona, New Mexico, etc). Discussion about this all would be regulated, and
7 examples of how other states handle this were discussed.

8 Pam talked about what she sees with VRI interpreters in the school system and
9 the lack of access to communication these children have.

10 The first step to not having VRI in the classroom would be to have licensure for
11 educational interpreters.

12 The next step would be to clean up the proposed language and then get the
13 proposed language moving through the rulemaking process.

14 Discussion about getting the message out to the Deaf community by having a
15 video on the Board's website about the opportunity to be engaged at the
16 symposium.

17 **I move we adopt a rule that would cover VRI interpreting as currently proposed**
18 **and allow for some possible revisions to clean up the language Alicia, second**
19 **Nicole. Brief discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.**

20 **Review of action items**

21 #1 Dianne was not at the meeting, but Mark gave an update on this action item.
22 We will revisit when the Massachusetts test is revised.

23 #2 we are waiting to have a new Cued Language Representative appointed.

24 All other action items are ongoing.

25 **New Business (if any)**

26 Mark just wanted to reiterate that it is very important that we get the bill (HB 854)
27 moved forward. It is very important the Deaf students have access to

1 communication and have qualified interpreters working with the school aged
2 children.

3 *Board appointments*

4 There are two Board members whose terms expire in June. If you know anyone
5 who is interested have them apply. Those Board members are Pam White and
6 Beverly Woodel.

7 *DSDHH mentor program*

8 Mark asked Jolene Crooks to give the Board some more information about the
9 DSDHH mentor program. This is a program for provisional licensees help improve
10 their skills to work toward full licensure.

11 **I move we adjourn Herbie, second Alicia.**

12 **Adjourn – 1:13 pm**